



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 910

January Session, 2009

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AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT STATUS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2010*) Any elector who is
2 permanently disabled and who files an application for an absentee
3 ballot with a certification from a primary care provider, indicating that
4 such elector is permanently disabled and unable to appear in person at
5 such elector's designated polling location, shall be eligible for
6 permanent absentee ballot status and shall receive an application for
7 an absentee ballot for each election, primary or referendum conducted
8 in such elector's municipality for which such elector is eligible to vote.
9 Such elector's permanent absentee ballot status shall remain in effect
10 until such elector: (1) Is removed from the official registry list of the
11 municipality, (2) is removed from permanent absentee ballot status
12 pursuant to the provisions of this section, or (3) requests that he or she
13 no longer receive such permanent absentee ballot status. The registrars
14 of voters shall send written notice to each such elector with permanent
15 absentee ballot status in January of each year, on a form prescribed by
16 the Secretary of the State, for the purpose of determining if such elector
17 continues to reside at the address indicated on the elector's permanent
18 absentee ballot application. If such written notice is not returned
19 within thirty days or returned as undeliverable, the elector in question
20 shall be removed from permanent absentee ballot status. If such elector
21 indicates on such notice that the elector no longer resides at such

22 address and the elector's new address is within the same municipality,
23 the registrars of voters shall change the elector's address pursuant to
24 section 9-35 of the general statutes and such elector shall retain
25 permanent absentee ballot status. If the elector indicates on such notice
26 that the elector no longer lives in the municipality, the registrars of
27 voters shall remove such individual from the registry list of the
28 municipality and send such individual an application for voter
29 registration. Failure to return such written notice shall not result in the
30 removal of an elector from the official registry list of the municipality.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>January 1, 2010</i> | New section |

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Technical changes were made to sentence structure for purposes of clarity and accuracy.

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Joint Favorable Subst.